

## Michigan Merit Exam (MME) Spring 2016 Briefing

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### Welcome

- Please email questions to:

[BAA@Michigan.gov](mailto:BAA@Michigan.gov)

If you are watching this webcast as a recording presentation and have questions please send them to the email address listed above.

Answers can be found in subsequent Spotlight Articles in the Recently Asked Questions Section

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### Initial Testing Dates

- SAT with Essay: April 12, 2016
- WorkKeys: April 13, 2016
- PSAT 8/9 & PSAT 10: April 12, 2016 or April 13, 2016
- M-STEP (p/p): April 14, 2016  
Michigan science and social studies
- M-STEP online: April 11, 2016 through April 29, 2016 Michigan science and social studies

Schools can elect to administer PSAT to 9<sup>th</sup> graders on one day, 10<sup>th</sup> graders on the other day, or test both grades on the same day. As long as all students in the same grade are tested on the same day, schools can choose which date works best for them for both the initial test dates and the makeup test dates.

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### Make-up Testing Dates

- SAT with Essay: April 26, 2016
- WorkKeys: April 27, 2016
- PSAT 8/9 & PSAT 10: April 26, 2016 or April 27, 2016
- M-STEP (p/p): April 15, 2016 through April 29, 2016 Michigan science and social studies
- M-STEP online: April 11 through April 29, 2016 Michigan science and social studies

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### Accommodated Testing Dates

- SAT with Essay - April 12, - April 15, 2016
- WorkKeys - April 13, - April 27, 2016
- PSAT 8/9 & PSAT 10 – April 12, - April 27, 2016
- M-STEP (p/p) – April 13, 2016 – April 29, 2016 Michigan science and social studies
- M-STEP online – April 11, - April 29, 2016 Michigan science and social studies

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### What is MME?

- The Michigan Merit Exam includes three components: 1) the SAT with Essay college readiness assessment, 2) ACT WorkKeys work skills assessment and, 3) the Michigan Student Test of Educational Performance (M-STEP). These three components provide a measure of student performance based on Michigan's high school content standards as well as college and career readiness.

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### SAT with Essay

- The SAT with Essay is a college entrance exam that reflects what students are already learning in their classrooms, including the best of instruction in math, English language arts, science, history, and social studies. It is accepted at all Michigan universities and nearly all four-year colleges and universities in the United States.

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### ACT WorkKeys

- ACT WorkKeys is a job skills assessment system measuring real-world skills. The ACT WorkKeys assesses Reading for Information, Applied Mathematics, and Locating Information. Students who receive qualifying scores on the ACT WorkKeys assessment are eligible for the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) and in some cases college credit.

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### M-STEP

- M-STEP assessments measure what students know are able to do in science and social studies based on the Michigan high school content standards.

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### Student Eligibility

- **11<sup>th</sup> Graders**
- First time 11<sup>th</sup> graders are **required** take the **complete** Spring 2016 MME (all three components)
  - SAT with Essay (the 2016 MME ELA and mathematics scores will be derived from the SAT)
  - ACT WorkKeys
  - M-STEP Science and Social Studies
- Grade 11 foreign exchange students are **required** take the **complete** Spring 2016 MME (all three components).
- Repeating 11<sup>th</sup> grader: If the student is missing one or more valid MME component scores (ELA, mathematics, science, social studies, college entrance, or work skills), then the student is **eligible**, **but not required** to take the Spring 2016 MME. Note: *If the student chooses to take the Spring 2016 MME, then the student must take the **complete** Spring 2016 MME (all three components).*

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### Student Eligibility (slide 2 of 6 )

- Repeating 11<sup>th</sup> grader: If the student has valid scores in all MME components, then the student is **NOT eligible** to take any portion of the Spring 2016 MME – *see explanation below based on the year the student previously took the MME:*
  - For an MME administration prior to Spring 2015, if the student has valid MME scores in reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies; AND a valid ACT Plus Writing score, AND valid WorkKeys scores, then the student is **NOT eligible** to take any portion of the Spring 2016 MME.
  - For the Spring 2015 MME administration, if the student has valid M-STEP scores in ELA, mathematics, science, and social studies; AND a valid ACT Plus Writing score, AND valid WorkKeys scores, then the student is **NOT eligible** to take any portion of the Spring 2016 MME.

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### Student Eligibility (slide 3 of 6)

#### 12<sup>th</sup> Graders

- 12<sup>th</sup> graders who were NOT previously included in high school accountability in grade 11 or 12 are **required** to take the **complete** Spring 2016 MME (all three components). For exceptions and additional [information, please see the High School Grade Assignment for Accountability Calculations Frequently Asked Questions document](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/FAQ_HS_Grade_Assignment_for_Accountability_346186_7.pdf). ([https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/FAQ\\_HS\\_Grade\\_Assignment\\_for\\_Accountability\\_346186\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/FAQ_HS_Grade_Assignment_for_Accountability_346186_7.pdf))
- Other 12<sup>th</sup> graders: If the student is missing one or more valid MME component scores (ELA, mathematics, science, social studies, college entrance, or work skills), then the student is **eligible, but not required** to take the Spring 2016 MME. Note: *If the student chooses to take the Spring 2016 MME, then the student must take the complete Spring 2016 MME (all three components).*
- Other 12<sup>th</sup> graders: If the student has valid scores in all MME components, then the student is **NOT eligible** to take any portion of the Spring 2016 MME – see explanation below based on the year the student previously took the MME:

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### Student Eligibility (slide 4 of 6)

- For an MME administration prior to Spring 2015, if the student has valid MME scores in reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies; AND a valid ACT Plus Writing score, AND valid WorkKeys scores, then the student is **NOT eligible** to take any portion of the Spring 2016 MME.
- For the Spring 2015 MME administration, if the student has valid M-STEP scores in ELA, mathematics, science, and social studies; AND a valid ACT Plus Writing score, AND valid WorkKeys scores, then the student is **NOT eligible** to take any portion of the Spring 2016 MME.

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### Student Eligibility (slide 5 of 6)

#### Students taking MI-Access Functional Independence (FI)

- Can an 11<sup>th</sup> grade student take MI-Access Functional Independence (FI) for all content areas and take SAT and/or WorkKeys also?
- Students taking the Grade 11 MI-Access FI assessments are **eligible, but not required** to take the WorkKeys assessment.
- If the SAT with Essay component of the MME is an appropriate assessment for the student as determined by the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team, then the ELA and mathematics scores will be derived from the SAT with Essay and the student will NOT take the MI-Access FI ELA and mathematics tests. If the student's IEP team determines the MI-Access FI ELA and/or mathematics assessment is the most appropriate for the student, then the student is **NOT eligible** to take the SAT with Essay.

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### Student Eligibility (slide 6 of 6)

- The student will take the appropriate level science and social studies tests (M-STEP or MI-Access) based on his or her IEP.
- If a student participated as an 11<sup>th</sup> grader in a previous MI-Access administration, then the student is **NOT eligible** to take any component of the Spring 2016 MME.

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### MME Contractors – SAT with Essay and PSAT

College Board contact information

Call 877-560-8378 Option #4, then option #2

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### MME Contractors – ACT WorkKeys

ACT WorkKeys contact information

Call 877-560-8378 Option #4, then option #3

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**MME Contractors – M-STEP Online**

Data Recognition Corporation (DRC)

Call 877-560-8378, Option #2

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**MME Contractors – MME Paper/Pencil**

Measurement, Incorporated (MI)

Call 877-560-8378 Option 4, then Option 1

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**Offsite Requests**

An offsite request has to be submitted for each component of the MME and each of the windows is provided below:

- SAT: November 1, 2015 – January 15, 2016
- ACT WorkKeys: October 12, 2015 – January 15, 2016
- M-STEP: November 9, 2015 – January 15, 2016

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### M-STEP Online Waiver

- In Spring 2016, The MME M-STEP components, science and social studies will be administered online. A paper/pencil version of the assessments will be available for schools that are not yet ready to make the transition to online assessments.
- Districts must submit the online waiver request for each school requesting by November 20, 2015.
- Please note that requests for EACH school and EACH assessment must be submitted separately.

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### M-STEP - Webcast Information

- The M-STEP webcast series will be pre-recorded and available in December, 2015

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